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TO AMEMBASSY OUAGADOUGOU

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SUBJECT: UPPER VOLTA REQUESTS INCREASED FEEDING ASSISTANCE.

ROME FOR FAO

BRUSSELS FOR EEC

NIAMEY FOR ADO

ABIDJAN FOR REDSO

1. AMBASSADOR YAGUIBOU UPPER VOLTA CALLED DEPARTMENT
OFFICER MARCH 30 STATING HE ACTING ON TELEPHONE CALL FROM
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PRIME MINISTER OUEDRAOGO. PRIME MINISTER DEEPLY ALARMED BY GROWING EVIDENCE OF DISASTROUS EFFECTS OF DROUGHT WHICH AFFECTING TWO- THIRDS OF THE POPULATION OF UPPER VOLTA, AND DRIVING LARGE NUMBERS FROM NORTHERN TO SOUTHERN REGIONS OF THE COUNTRY. COULD THE US ADVANCE THE ARRIVAL OF EMERGENCY FOODGRAIN SHIPMENT SO THAT AT LEAST A PORTION COULD BE LANDED IN ABIDJAN NO LATER THAN THE FIRST WEEK IN APRIL? SECONDLY, COULD THE LEVEL OF US CEREAL ASSISTANCE BE INCREASED BEYOND WHAT PRESENTLY PLANNED? YAGUIBOU RETURNING TO OUAGADOUGOU MARCH 31 AND ASKED FOR REPLY MARCH 30.

2. AFTER CONSULTING AID OFFICES, DEPTOFF PROVIDED FOLLOWING INFORMATION RE SHIPMENT FOR UPPER VOLTA TO UPPER VOLTA EMBASSY FOR RELAYING TO YAGUIBOU WHO HAD ALREADY DEPARTED FOR NEW YORK. (A) 2356 TONS TITLE II SORGHUM SCHEDULED ARRIVE 5 TH APRIL IN TEMA, AND 500 TONS 8 TH APRIL AT LOME. IN MAY AND IN FOLLOWING MONTHS, APPROXIMATELY 2500 TONS SCHEDULED MONTHLY, FOR DIVISION BETWEEN TEMA (2000 TONS) AND LOME, (500 TONS). (B) IF THE GOUV HAD NOT ALREADY DONE SO, IT SHOULD BRING ITS NEEDS TO THE ATTENTION OF THE FAO (WFB) WHICH ENGAGED IN GATHERING INFORMATION AND ACTING AS INFORMAL COORDINATOR FOR SAHELIAN FEEDING CRISIS. (C) AID EXPECTS TO PROVIDE TO PERTINENT POSTS DURING WEEK OF APRIL 2 OUR UNDERSTANDING OF COMMITMENTS DELIVERIES, AND ANTICIPATED SHIPPING SCHEDULES OF EMERGENCY FEEDGRAINS. (D) IT OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT PORT OF ABIDJAN FULLY BOOKED DURING PERIOD EMERGENCY AND STABILIZATION GRAIN SHIPMENTS SO WILL NOT LIKELY BE USED AS TRANSHIPMENT POINT FOR UPPER VOLTA.

3. FYI AS EMBASSY AND ADO AWARE, SHIPPING SCHEDULES FOR EMERGENCY FOODGRAINS ARE EXTREMELY TIGHT AND AS PLANNING FOR RESPONSE TO DROUGHT PROGRESSES WILL ATTEMPT ALLOW FLEXIBILITY IN RE- SCHEDULING SHIPS TO AREAS OF GREATEST NEED. UNLIKELY USG WILL BE ABLE RESPOND FREELY TO GOUV'S BELATED SENSE OF CONCERN FOR THE DROUGHT- CREATED CRISIS. WHETHER IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO INCREASE LEVEL OF ASSISTANCE TO GOUV AS YAGUIBOU REQUESTED WILL DEPEND ON RESULTS CONTINUING REVIEW OF OVERALL SAHELIAN SITUATION AND FUNDING. END FYI. RUSH

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